

PR SRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 49
STIGLER, OK.



We have a new mailing address:

Sac and Fox Nation
Administration Building
920883 S Hwy 99 Bldg A
Stroud, OK 74079

SAC & FOX NEWS

Phone: (918) 968-3526

The Nation's Website: www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Vol. 31, No 1 January 2010

CHRISTMAS POW-WOW DEC. 19, 2009

The Sac and Fox Christmas Pow-Wow was held at the Sac and Fox Community Building in Stroud, Oklahoma. The Christmas Pow-Wow was sponsored by the Sac and Fox Nation-Elders, Activity, Veterans, and Casino Organizations. The M.C. was Jamie Noble, Head Singer: Jeff Wilson, Head Boy: Harrison Spang, Head Girl: Cherokee Brown, Co-Host: Sac and Fox Veterans, and A.D.: William Pennock.

The Christmas Pow-Wow was a huge success. The crowd of 500 plus continued to increase through out the night. The food was plentiful and delicious, the dancing and singing was very entertaining for the young and old. Sacks of fruit, nuts, and candy were passed out to the adults as children waited anxiously for the special guest to appear. Landis McClellan read a Christmas story to a large group of excited children in honor of her son who was at the Pow-Wow.

The feeling of togetherness was very evident as several people were honored during the night. Nancy Poodry and a young man from two tours of Iraq were among the ones honored. Nancy Poodry was given a military designed shawl as a way of honoring her because of the loss of her son in the military. Many people were recognized for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

Finally, Santa Claus and his helpers, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and Frosty the Snowman made their appearance. The crowd grew with excitement as Santa and his helpers moved among them and waved greetings to all. The children were very anxious but waited patiently as Santa and his helpers began passing out the gifts. The toys were plentiful and every child received a toy.

Raffle tickets were sold through out the night for several different items, and winners were announced as the night progressed. An auction was conducted for several food baskets that were overflowing with food items.

There were an abundance of beautiful shawls at the Christmas Dance worn with a lot of pride. Each shawl seemed to signify a meaning for each that wore them. Tina Morris and her mother wore beautiful shawls at the dance. Several young ladies and women wore their beautiful regalia each with such vibrant colors that made the evening very spectacular with festive colors. Cherokee Brown wore a beautiful regalia that had colors of lime green and blue.

Continued on Page 10

Trash or Treasure Features Grace Thorpe's Pottery!



Continue on Page 12



**January SF News
ArticleTribal
Members,
I am wishing you
the best in health,
family relations,
new friendships, and
better opportunities
this coming year of
2010! May God bless
you by providing for**

**your needs – 3 John verse 2.
I will be reporting on the (a) Cobell v.
Salazar lawsuit which could affect all
tribal individual Indian Monies (IIM)
account holders; (b) Legislative Update:
Health Insurance Reform and Indian
Health Care; (c) Title IV E Planning
Grant**

Continued on Page 7

SAC AND FOX NATION HAS WHITE CHRISTMAS

The last white Christmas in Oklahoma with any accumulation was the year 2000, but a blizzard has been decades ago. In 2007 Oklahoma faced a historical ice storm that nearly shut down the State with broken tree limbs that cut electric lines across the State. Oklahomans were without electricity for days.

Christmas Eve Day was filled with wind gusts of 40 m.p.h. that brought a mixture of snow and ice. Oklahoma City started with a mixture of sleet and rain in the early morning hours that spread across central and eastern Oklahoma. By noon the wind was blowing snow, sleet, and rain across the state. All interstates and turnpikes were shut down between Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Central and eastern parts of the state reported 9 to 14 inches of snow. The snow stopped falling around midnight Christmas Eve.

A fifty car pile up was reported by Channel 4 News in Oklahoma City Christmas Eve morning that resulted in I-40 being completely shut down that afternoon. Many motorists in the area were unable to leave their homes because of the strong winds and snow.

Christmas Day proved to be a better day as stranded cars were being helped and roads were being cleared so people could reach their destination.

Picture taken outside of the Administration Building Monday after the blizzard on Christmas Eve.



PUBLIC NOTICE

INTERESTED
IN SERVING ON
ELECTION BOARD
CONTACT
JACKIE WILLIAMS
NATION SECRETERY
DEADLINE
FEB. 12, 2010

INTERPRISE
SHAREHOLDERS
MEETING
10AM TO 2PM SATURDAY,
FEB. 30, 2010
SAC & FOX NATION
COMMUNITY BUILDING
STROUD, OK

REGULAR BUSINESS
COMMITTEE MEETING IS
SCHEDULE FOR
TUESDAY,
JANUARY 26, 2010
AT 9:30AM
IN CONFERENCE ROOM
SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING

OBITUARIES



BOYD ALEXANDER TIGER

Prague resident Boyd Alexander Tiger, 48, passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at his home. He was born Feb. 13, 1961, in Oklahoma City to William A. Tiger and Wanda Sue (Wood) Tiger. He attended Standing Rock High School in Fort Yates, N.D. and Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. He was a long time employee of Sac and Fox Nation and was a jack of all trades. He was a member of the Fox Clan of Sac and Fox Nation and a member of Riverside Indian Baptist Church of Tecumseh. He served on many different Sac and Fox Committees over the years.

He had a very loving and special relationship with Lori Gregory whom he resided with. He was the proud father and grandpa. He was a fantastic cook and loved cooking at Falls Creek and the Sac and Fox Nation Pow-Wow. He loved all Oklahoma University sports. He was a great athlete and artist. He loved to draw.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Eunah J. Tiger and Lillian Foster; maternal grandparents, Freeland Wood and Lorena (Mack) Wood; parents, William A. (Sonny) Tiger and Wanda Sue (Wood) Tiger; and brothers, Mark A. Tiger and William Jacob Tiger.

Survivors include his girlfriend, Lori Gregory of the home; son, Christian A. Tiger of Harrah; granddaughters, Alyssa Tiger of Saucier, Miss., and Maliha Tiger of Harrah; stepdaughter, Jillian Gregory, and stepson, Michael Gregory, both of Prague; Godchildren, Selee and Caton Gibson and Kilee Jones, all of McLoud; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Abby Tiger of Loxahatchee, Fla., Tony and Brenda Tiger of Talequah and George Tiger of Meeker; sisters and brother-in-law, Leona Tiger, Jimmie and Mike Dover, Robin Tiger and Gene Kemp, all of Shawnee and Channa Tiger and Edgar Butler of Drumright; traditional mother, Donna Rush of El Reno; aunts and uncle, Harry and Katie Wood of Meeker and Pat Ward of Shawnee; and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was greatly loved and will be missed by all his friends and family.

Service was 10 a.m. Thursday Dec. 10, 2009, at Salateeska Baptist Church - Johnson Community with the Rev. Victor Cope and Jimmy Anderson officiating. Burial was at Johnson Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of Walker Funeral Service.

Memorials can be made to Faith Hospice of Seminole 2407 W. Wrangler, Blvd. Seminole, Oklahoma 74868.

The family of Boyd Tiger want to express their love and gratitude for the out pouring of love in this time of great sadness: Sac and Fox Nation, Sac and Fox Nation Employee Committee, Sac and Fox Nation Blackhawk Health Clinic, Sac and Fox Nation Grave Diggers, Sallateeska Baptist Church Members and Pastor Ben Little,Volunteers, Faith Hospice, Walker Funeral Home, Rev. Ben Little, Kyle, and Jamie Gipp, Rev. Victor Cope, Rev. Jimmy Anderson, Rev. Bryce Scott, family, and friends, and all who donated food, money, and who sent prayers, and a special thanks to Huston Stevens. Boyd was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

Boyd Alexander Tiger

Call to Order & Welcome.....Chance Rush

Invocation.....Rev. Ellis Rolette

Eulogy.....Chance Rush

In Memorium Photo Presentation

Congregational Hymns.....Ellis Horsechief

Message.....Rev. Bryce Scott

Special Music.....Darryl Tonemah

Message.....Rev. Jimmy Anderson

Benediction.....Uncle H.D. Wood

Pall Bearers

Kyle Gipp	Dylan Fixico
Chebon Laundreaux	Micco Laundreaux
Isaiah Marshall	A.J. Marshall
Wambdi-ska Tiger	Mekko Gayton

Honorary Pall Bearers

Levi Tiger	Alec Tiger
Colton Haney	Connor Haney
Devan Fixico	

February 13, 1961 - December 6, 2009

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard his call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys-
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee-
God wanted me now, he set me free.

Sac & Fox News

The Sac & Fox News is the monthly publication of the Sac & Fox Nation, located on SH 99, six miles south of Stroud, OK.

Mailing address:
Sac and Fox Nation
Administration Building
920883 S Hwy 99 Bldg A
Stroud, OK 74079.

Phone: 918-968-3526.
Fax: 918-968-4837.

The Sac & Fox News is the official publication of the Sac and Fox Nation. Our mission is to meet all tribal members information needs concerning the Nation.

The Sac & Fox News is mailed free, one per address, to enrolled Sac and Fox tribal members. Paid subscriptions are available for \$12.00 annually.

Editorial statements, guest columns, and letters to the editor published in this newspaper contain the opinions of the writers. These opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sac and Fox News staff or any elected official or department of tribal government or administration.

The Sac and Fox News reserves the right to refuse publication of letters to the editor. All editorials and letters to the editor become the property of the Sac and Fox News.

Submissions for publication must be signed by the author and include an address and contact phone number. They are limited to 300 words. The staff will not edit editorials or letters to the editor to fit the 300-word limit.

Deadline for the January 2010 publication is **Monday the 1st of Feburary 2010** at 4:30 p.m.

Reprint permission is granted, with proper credit to the Sac and Fox News, unless other copyrights are shown. Articles and letters may be hand-delivered to the newspaper or mailed to the address provided above, or e-mail: newspaper@ sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.

Address corrections & changes are accepted by The Business Committee at the address listed below.

For information call
(918) 968-3526 x1046.

Managing Editor:
Delilah Morehead
Telephone (918) 968-3526
Ext. 1046
newspaper@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Publisher, Sac and Fox Nation
Member of Native American Journalists
Assn - Since 1988

Tribal Officers:
918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970

Principal Chief:
George Thurman
Telephone (918) 968-3526
Ext. 1004
chief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Second Chief:
Cheryl L. McClellan
Telephone (918) 968-3526
Ext. 1005
secondchief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Secretary:
Jacklyn K. Williams
Telephone (918) 968-3526
Ext. 1007
secretary@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Treasurer:
Randle Carter
Telephone (918) 968-3526
Ext. 1006
treasurer@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Committee Member:
Stella Nanaeto
Telephone (918) 968-3526
Ext. 1011
cmember@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Business Committee
Mailing Address:
Sac and Fox Nation
Administration Building
920883 S Hwy 99 Bldg A
Stroud, OK 74079.

Sandra Lee McClelland

Sandra Lee McClelland was born on May 12, 1949 in Oklahoma City, OK to John J. McClelland and Clarabell Emarthla. She passed away on December 31, 2009 at the age of 60.

Sandy graduated from Rogers High School in Tulsa, OK and made a career in the home health field as a Caregiver. Sandy lived many years in Shawnee, OK before settling in Claremore, OK; where she remained until her passing. Sandy was an active Sac & Fox tribal member, donating her time on the Sac & Fox Election Board and Powwow Committee. Sandy enjoyed sewing, attending 49's and powwows, cooking, spending time with family, playing cards and making people laugh. She was of the Baptist faith and attended Shawnee First Indian Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sisters: Cheryl McClelland, Pam McClelland, Marilyn McClelland, Jerri McClelland, and Patsy Bucktrot; an adopted daughter, Kimberly McClelland, two aunts: Kitty Shopteese and Norma Ross, an uncle Sonny Emarthla; cousins: Allen Connor, Johnny Talawyma, J.D. Ross, Micco Emarthla, Robin Emarthla, and Shawn Emarthla; 18 nieces and nephews, 26 great nieces and nephews; best friends Lura and Chena White Shirt, Irene Edwards, Berdina George, Mary Poe, Miss Pam, and a host of extended family.

Sandy is preceded in death by her parents John Jerome McClelland and Clarabell Emarthla McClelland; one sister, Terri Gibson, an uncle, Barney McClelland; an aunt Pauline Emarthla Connor and her maternal grand parents Walter and Lillian Emarthla and paternal grandparents John B. McClelland and Delma Baker.

Pallbearers are Charles Alexander, Lance Nanaeto, Jeffrey McClellan, John John Washines, Ranski James and Blake Osceola. Honorary pallbearers are Gaba Longhorn, Quentin Anquoe, Tony Gibson, Jeremy Gibson, Lee Allen Longhorn, Charlie George, Perry Nanaeto, Terry Nanaeto, and Jay Blaylock. Interment will be at the Sac & Fox Cemetery in Stroud, OK. Officiating the services will be Raymond Massey. Sac & Fox traditional ceremonial services are under the direction of Cameron Standing.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER 2009

The Annual Christmas Dinner was December 23, 2009 at the Sac and Fox Nation Community Building. Jeff Wilson was the emcee of the event. The menu was corn soup, meat gravy, hot meat, pork and potatoes, pumpkin, squash, corn, and frybread a very traditional delicious meal. Toys were handed out to the children. Male and Female Employee of the Year were announced. Raffle tickets were sold; Raylene Wilson was the winner of the 50/50 drawing; I-Pod winner was Dalton Carver, Digital picture frame winner was Boyd Cummins, and Vera Grant won the digital camera. Gift cards to Wal-Mart winners were; LaDonna Marlin, Tammy Brown, and Sharla Robbins. The crowd enjoyed the slide show of the 2009 Veterans All-Gourd Dance and various other pictures taken during the year. The Female Employee of the Year 2009 is Flo Starr and Male Employee of the Year 2009 is Tim Quarry. Both of these employees were voted for by their coworkers. Tim wasn't at the dinner to accept his award so Don Abney accepted the award for him. Raymond Massey and Lisa Stevens helped in presenting the plaques; both were employee of the year 2008.



Children lining up for Toys!



Jeff Wilson emcee of Event

Congratulations Flo and Tim!!



Raymond Massey, Flo Starr, & Lisa Stevens



Wanda Watkins & Jellene Factor



Randle Carter & Jackie Williams



Jackie Williams
Greets Everyone



SAC AND FOX NATION MEMBER PERFORMS IN MAJOR PRODUCTION OF THE NUTCRACKER

Symphony Hall in Downtown Phoenix was the venue for Ballet Arizona's presentation of "The Nutcracker," which included among its cast, 9-year-old Sac & Fox Nation member, Larissa Alexandria Morris.

Born in Phoenix, Arizona, Larissa is the daughter of Sac & Fox member Bradley Morris and his wife Rena Morris. She is also granddaughter to tribal member Joseph Thomas Morris and great granddaughter of Samuel Falls Morris Sr.

Currently attending Osborn Elementary School, she has been practicing as part of their ballet after-school program for 1 year. Recommended by her ballet teacher for this year's Nutcracker, she auditioned with hundreds of other dancers and was chosen as one of the toy soldiers.

The Nutcracker has been presented by Ballet Arizona since 1986. This year's production cost \$1.8 million to create and was comprised of over 300 people with music performed by The Phoenix Symphony. It was presented December 11-27 with day and evening showings.

Submitted by
Jeremy Morris
4308 E. St. Catherine
Phoenix, AZ 85042

BIRTHDAY POW-WOW FOR TAMMY BROWN

On December the 12th of 2009 a Birthday Pow-Wow for Tammy Brown was at the Sac and Fox Community Building. Many family members and friends turned out for the special occasion.



TAMMY BROWN



PICTUREES PROVIDED BY DELILAH MOREHEAD



Events that took place in 2009!



Participants in the July 31st Apple River Fort Grand Reopening in Elizabeth, Illinois (L-R) President of the Apple River Fort Historic Foundation, Inc. Carl “Skip” Schwerdtfeger, Illinois State Representative Jim Sacia, SFN Historic Preservation Officer Sandra Massey, SFN Principal Chief George Thurman, Elizabeth Village President Mike Dittmar, and Illinois State Senator Tim Bivins.

Attending the Lincoln’s Frontier encampment on August 1-2 at Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin were:
(front row L-R) SFN Committee Member Stella Nanaeto, tribal member Lyndee McClellan, SFN Second Chief Cheryl McClellan, and VL Curator Susan Caya-Slusser. Back row: SFN Principal Chief George Thurman, VL Site Director Michael Douglass, VL Intern Alan Hanson, SFN Veterans Honor Guard member Dennis Jennings, and VL Intern Josh Wachuta.



*Chief George Thurman and
Chairman of the Meskwaki Tribe
Adrian Pushetonequa*

SAC AND FOX NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Private Well Water Testing

Please mail or return form to the address below.

You may also contact us via email, phone, or fax.



SAC AND FOX NATION
OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES

920883 S. Hwy 99 Bldg. A
Stroud, OK 74079

Phone: 918-968-0046

Fax: 918-968-0049

E-mail:

genise.carpenter@sacandfoxnation-
nsn.gov

E-mail:daniel.wind@sacandfoxnation-
nsn.gov

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FINDING DIRECTIONS (IF RURAL): _____

PHONE: _____



**Testing is limited to Sac & Fox members only. Funding is available for 30 households, so contact OES today to schedule sampling!*



Exercise classes for the New Year

It’s a new year with new beginnings. Below is a list of the new exercise schedule that will start on Monday January 4th.

Beginner circuit training- M, W, F

11-11:40; 3:00-3:40

Moderate circuit training- M, W, F

12-12:40

The circuit is a low impact group of exercises designed to help burn fat and tone. Each exercise is done for 1 min. This class is designed to get your heart pumping and calories burning. This is a class designed for all fitness levels. I have changed the class to make it suitable for all. **G**

Chair exercises with thera- bands- Tues/Thurs

12:00-12:30

These exercises will be done sitting with some standing exercises. Thera-band exercises are great for older adults. The exercises help to increase muscle strength. These exercises are great for people that have arthritis or just want to gain some strength. **MBC**

Stepping with pedometers- Tues/Thurs

3:00-3:30

Stepping with pedometers is a class designed for people who love to walk. We will be using the gym and on nice days we will be walking outside. We will be using pedometers to help track how many steps we walk. Each stepper with the highest amount of steps at the end of each class for one month will be rewarded with a prize. **G**

Abs Circuit- M/F

10:00-10:20

The abs circuit is a variety of abdominal exercise that is done to help tone and strengthen the midsection. **MBC**

Please obtain an exercise referral from a black Hawk physician before starting any of these exercise programs.

For questions please call Jenny McDaniel, Exercise Specialist 918-968-9531 ext 208

Classes will be located either in the Learning Center Gym east of the Merle Boyd Center or at the Merle Boyd Center exercise room.

G- GYM
MBC- Merle Boyd Center

HELP WANTED!

SAC AND FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH
THE SAC & FOX NATION:

SOCIAL SERVICES SPECIALIST
PHYSICAL THERAPIST
REALTY SPECIALIST
CERTIFICATION ASSISTANT
(As of January, 2010)

Applicants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans. Applicants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of their CDIB. For more information and to learn how to apply please visit our website at:

www.sacandfoxnation.com

or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation, Rt. 2 Box 246, Stroud, OK 74079 or by phone (918) 968-3526

Per capita hotline

The Finance Department has set up a per capita hotline with this number: 918-968-3526 extension 1031. This is a voice messaging service that will record your question or concern. Our Finance Department is dedicated to returning your call within 24 hours. If you call during a week-end, the call will be answered on Monday. If you call on a holiday, the call will be answered the next working day. By utilizing this service, we can ensure your questions or concerns are addressed. We will provide an answer to your questions or concerns when we return your call. Just be sure to leave a call back number and a time of day between 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. that would be most accommodating for you.

Please be advised Finance cannot answer questions regarding the address your per capita check will be mailed. Your per capita check will be sent to the last address on file with the Office of Enrollment.

Submitted by: Cheryl
Batchelor, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: CHERYL McCLELLAN
(SECOND CHIEF)

SUBJECT: 2010 CENSUS

2010 CENSUS TO BEGIN

THIS IS PRETTY BASIC ADVICE;

WITH THE U.S. CENSUS PROCESS BEGINNING, THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU (BBB) ADVISES PEOPLE TO BE COOPERATIVE, BUT CAUTIOUS, SO AS NOT TO BECOME A VICTIM OF FRAUD OR IDENTITY THEFT. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE 2010 U.S. CENSUS IS UNDER WAY AS WORKERS HAVE BEGUN VERIFYING THE ADDRESSES OF HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. EVENTUALLY, MORE THAN 140,000 U.S. CENSUS WORKERS WILL COUNT EVERY PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES AND WILL GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT EVERY PERSON LIVING AT EACH ADDRESS INCLUDING NAME, AGE, GENDER, RACE, AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA.

THE BIG QUESTION IS - HOW DO YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A U.S. CENSUS WORKER AND A CON ARTIST? BBB OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ADVICE:

IF A U.S. CENSUS WORKER KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR, THEY WILL HAVE A BADGE, A HANDHELD DEVICE, A CENSUS BUREAU CANVAS BAG, AND A CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE. ASK TO SEE THEIR IDENTIFICATION AND THEIR BADGE BEFORE ANSWERING THEIR QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD NEVER INVITE ANYONE YOU DON’T KNOW INTO YOUR HOME.

CENSUS WORKERS ARE CURRENTLY ONLY KNOCKING ON DOORS TO VERIFY ADDRESS INFORMATION. DO NOT GIVE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, CREDIT CARD OR BANKING INFORMATION TO ANYONE, EVEN IF THEY CLAIM THEY NEED IT FOR THE U.S. CENSUS.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.

WHILE THE CENSUS BUREAU MIGHT ASK FOR BASIC FINANCIAL INFORMATION, SUCH AS A SALARY RANGE, YOU DON’T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. THE CENSUS BUREAU WILL NOT ASK FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, BANK ACCOUNT, OR CREDIT CARD NUMBERS, NOR WILL EMPLOYEES SOLICIT DONATIONS. ANY ONE ASKING FOR THAT INFORMATION IS NOT WITH THE CENSUS BUREAU.

AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. NO ACORN WORKER SHOULD APPROACH YOU SAYING HE/SHE IS WITH THE CENSUS BUREAU. EVENTUALLY, CENSUS WORKERS MAY CONTACT YOU BY TELEPHONE, MAIL, OR IN PERSON AT HOME. HOWEVER, THE CENSUS BUREAU WILL NOT CONTACT YOU BY EMAIL, SO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR EMAIL SCAMS IMPERSONATING THE CENSUS. NEVER CLICK ON A LINK OR OPEN ANY ATTACHMENTS IN AN EMAIL THAT ARE SUPPOSEDLY FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU. FOR MORE ADVICE ON AVOIDING IDENTITY THEFT AND FRAUD, VISIT WWW.BBB.ORG

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
NO VIRUS FOUND IN THIS INCOMING MESSAGE.
CHECKED BY AVG - WWW.AVG.COM
VERSION: 8.5.426 / VIRUS DATABASE: 270.14.88/2538 - RELEASE DATE: 12/07/09 07:33:00

Thank You

To all the many family, friends, and Sac and Fox people who prayed and helped, brought, and/or cooked food. Even the smallest of details and all the other things you did for our family is appreciated, following the loss of our sister Sandra Lee McClelland.
Thank you so very much from,
The McClelland Family



January 2010						
SAC AND FOX NATION FOOD PROGRAM						
STROUD WAREHOUSE (918) 968-3030 1-800-256-3398						
SHAWNEE OFFICE (405) 395-0063 1-866-622-2310						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY		
4 ELDERS ONLY SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	5 ELDERS ONLY SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	6 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	7 ELDERS ONLY SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	8 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 LITTLE AXE 10:00-12:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	9	
11 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	12 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	13 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	14 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	15 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 LITTLE AXE 10:00-12:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	16	
18 LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE 8:30-6:30 WAREHOUSE 8:30-6:30	19 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	20 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	21 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	22 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	23	
25 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	26 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	27 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00	28 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	29 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	30	

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SAC AND FOX NATION
STROUD, OKLAHOMA

FILED
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
2009 DEC 22 P 12:11

TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES,
EX. REL.,
SANDY L. MASQUAS,

PLAINTIFF,

V6.

LAWRENCE WHITESHIRT,

DEFENDANT.

CASE NO.: JFD-05-26
FGN: 442555001

BY: _____ DEPUTY

LAWRENCE WHITESHIRT
OBLIGOR

SANDY L. MASQUAS
CUSTODIAN

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

DISTRICT COURT OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION: LAWRENCE WHITESHIRT

TAKE NOTICE that a review hearing is scheduled regarding child support. You must appear in the District Court for the Sac and Fox Nation, Stroud, Oklahoma on the 5th day of February, 2010.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of December, 2009,

Charlotte Cartwright
COURT CLERK
District Court for the Sac and Fox Nation

Marsha Harlan, OBA# 18565
P.O. Box 1809
Ada, Oklahoma 74821
(580) 43-3419
ATTORNEY FOR TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Integrated Resource Management Plan Survey

Name (optional):

The Vision:

Bringing tribal departments together to work as one unit to improve, protect and nurture the culture, land, water, air and wildlife in harmony with the people of the Sac and Fox nation for future generations to come.

Please answer the following survey questions; it is important to know your opinion to help the IRMP team develop a plan right for the tribe.

1. What would you like to see happen with tribal lands? (Circle all that apply)

a. Conserve resources

b. Preserve wildlife habitats

c. Develop into farm land

d. Build housing, retail and casinos

e. Leave it alone, keep the land the way it is.

f. Build recreational areas (Fishing areas, walking paths, hiking trails, challenge course, golf course, community park, skate park)

2. Do you feel unwelcome or excluded from using land owned by the tribe?

a. Yes

b. No

3. Do you hunt, fish or gather on tribal land?

a. Yes

b. No

4. How satisfied are you with the way tribal lands are being used currently?

*With (0) meaning not satisfied and (10) being very satisfied.

Please circle one: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

5. Would you like to see preservation or controlled sites to bring back indigenous species of plants or animals important to the tribe or land?

a. Yes

b. No

6. Would you like to see the tribe develop environmental codes to protect the land and animals from illegal activity on tribal land?

a. Yes

b. No

7. Do you feel there is a need for a food development project or garden in your community?

a. Yes

b. No

8. Are you concerned with current or future development around traditional areas and/or ceremonial sites?

a. Yes

b. No

9. How concerned are you with air quality within the Sac and Fox boundaries?

*With (0) meaning not concerned and (10) being very concerned.

Please circle one: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

10. How concerned are you with water quality within the Sac and Fox boundaries?

*With (0) meaning not concerned and (10) being very concerned.

Please circle one: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11. How concerned are you with global warming?

*With (0) meaning not concerned and (10) being very concerned.

Please circle one: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

12. Do you think global warming is ...

a. Human caused

b. Natural

c. Human and natural caused

d. Is a joke, it isn't real

13. The tribe is currently creating a recycling center, would you like to see a solid waste dump created as well?

a. Yes

b. No

14. In the future would you like to see the tribe pursue possession of additional land?

a. Yes

b. No

15. Is it important to you that the tribe follow up on leased property to ensure the conditions and use of the land is being followed according to lease agreements?

a. Yes

b. No

Please share any additional comments or concerns you may have, Please use the space provided below.

** Please return to the Office of Environmental Services**
RR# 2, BOX 246
Stroud, OK 74079
918-968-0046

Cobell vs. Salazar Lawsuit

About the settlement: A proposed settlement has been reached with American Indian Plaintiffs in a long-running class action lawsuit against the federal government for mismanagement of individual Indian trust accounts and trust assets. The Settlement is with the Secretary of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior-Indian affairs, and the Secretary of the Treasury. The individual Indian trust accounts relate to land, oil, natural gas, mineral, timber, grazing, water, and other resources and rights on or under individual Indian lands.

The class action lawsuit claims that the federal government failed to fulfill its financial responsibility for the individual Indian trust resulting in the loss, misdirection, and unaccountability of several billion dollars of monies held in trust or which should have been held in trust by the United States for Indian beneficiaries in individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts.

Under the terms of the Settlement in Cobell v. Salazar, the federal government will create a \$1.412 billion Accounting Trust Administration Fund and a \$2 billion Land Trust Consolidation Fund. The Settlement also creates a federal Indian Education Scholarship fund of up to \$60 million to improve access to higher education for Indian youth. The Settlement also includes a commitment by the federal government to appoint a commission that will oversee and monitor specific improvements in the Department’s accounting for and management of individual Indian trust assets, going forward.

The Agreement creates two groups of Indians eligible to receive Settlement money – the Historical Accounting Class and the Trust Administration Class. Please contact our Realty Department for details of who is eligible.

I will be attending an Intertribal Monitoring Association (ITMA) Board meeting and an ITMA tribal leaders meeting in the month of February where more detailed information will be shared on this lawsuit. Tribal Administrator Rusty Brown has been designated as the contact person for any future press releases relating to this settlement and will keep the Business Committee, Realty Department, and Sac and Fox News informed as he receives information.

Legislative Update: Health Insurance Reform and Indian HealthCare –

The House and Senate have passed different versions of a health care bill. Now, these bills will go through a “conference,” a process whereby the different provisions of legislation will be reconciled into one bill. While there will not be a formal conference, the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and President Obama will work together to hash out differences. After a deal is struck, it is expected that the amended bill will be sent to the House for approval, and then the bill will be sent to the Senate for its’ final approval. If each house of Congress approves the final bill, it will then be sent to President Obama for his signature. This step is expected to be completed by late January or early February.

Indian Provisions:

Indian Country has a number of positive provisions that were included in both passed bills. National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was able to secure all of their key recommendations for health reform and, after 10 years of hard work, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act will be reauthorized! While there is much excitement about these accomplishments, there are a number of discrepancies between the two bills. The NCAI, the National Indian Health Board, and the National Council of Urban Indian Health have joined efforts to offer recommendations to ensure that our Indian Health care delivery system is strengthened and preserved and that any and all newly-authorized programs to increase access and delivery of health care will include tribal governments and Indian health programs.

Title IV-E Planning Grant –

The Sac and Fox Nation was one of five tribes to be awarded the Title IV-E planning grant. Last January the Congress changed the Social Security Act Title IV-E to allow Tribes to apply for direct funding for foster care and adoption programs; while before all tribes had to receive this funding through the state. This planning grant will allow our Nation to develop a plan to implement its own foster care and adoption programs and be funded directly from the Federal government. It is really exciting because it is one more way our Sac and Fox Nation is using its sovereignty—it is also exciting because the Federal government is dealing directly with the tribes instead of making the tribes go through the state. Currently the Nation is in the second quarter of the two year grant. One of the Regional representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families came for a site visit to help us identify what we need to do and how we need to accomplish the quarterly goals. We have essentially successfully completed all quarter one goals—we are on track. This will be a coordinated effort with Indian Child Welfare (ICW), the Court, tribal police, the Attorney General’s office, the Administration and Business Committee. The other tribes that received the grant are: Navajo Nation, Tohono O’odham Nation, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

I have asked Sac and Fox News Editor Delilah Morehead to include articles about individual veterans of our Nation in future editions, either monthly or quarterly, of which I feel our membership would find interesting and enlightening. This will be just one way of sharing what these brave individuals endured and accomplished as they served our United States of America and our Sac and Fox Nation.

Please keep the news, of your families’ accomplishments within the communities that you reside, forwarded to our tribal newspaper so we can all rejoice and unite together as a sovereign nation. We will become stronger as we become acquainted with and support each other.

Please remember to uphold your Business Committee, your elected leadership, in prayer daily for guidance as we strive to be public servants to our Sac and Fox Nation – Proverbs 29 v 2. God bless each and everyone one of you, our tribal members.

Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief



Dallas, Ft. Worth Native American Chamber of Commerce



6565 N. MacArthur Blvd, Suite 225 Irving, TX 75039
Office: (214) 624 – 5083 / Fax: (214) 624 - 5084

Business Development Coordinator

Annual Salary commensurate with experience plus commission

Initial priorities for the newly appointed Business Development Coordinator will be:

- Fundraising, new membership growth, and membership retention
- Inform the community, the membership, partner organizations, and private & public entities of the many programs provided by the DFWNACC on behalf of its members and in the support of the community.
- Increase awareness of the Chamber through strategic presentations to community, tribal, and business leaders. This will include representing the chamber at local and regional events.
- Increase procurement opportunities for chamber members through strategic alliances with Supplier Diversity leadership in North Texas public and private entities

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE

The ideal candidate for the position will display experience that includes problem solving through collaboration with Board of Directors and support personnel. Candidates with this experience and the following proven competencies and characteristics will be considered highly competitive:

- Demonstrates the ability to build cooperative and collaborative relationships with the local community and interest groups, as well as with key officials of state and local agencies.
- Understand the customers of the DFW Native American Chamber of Commerce and maintains a presence in the community serving as an educator and a resource to a variety of organizations and the general public.
- Exhibit professional poise and control, and effectively handles emergencies, demonstrating political savvy and using negotiation and conflict resolution.
- Provide progressive, customer-oriented leadership for support personnel and volunteers.

QUALIFICATIONS

Any combination of education and experience, which would provide for the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and abilities listed. Normally this would include:

- **Education:** Bachelor’s degree from an accredited four year college or university.
- **Experience:** Five to seven years of full time experience in capacity which involved substantial public contact and public relations responsibilities, a preference to experience in Native American organizations, Native American communities, or tribal organizations.

Demonstrated Expertise in:

- Fundraising, contributions, and economic development
- Program Management
- Written, verbal, and inter-personal communication skills
- Media Relations
- Relevant computer applications and presentation skills (i.e. Microsoft PowerPoint and Word)

All interested parties can call Anthony Patricio directly at (817) 788 – 4897, email a resume to apatricio@vertex-systems.com, or by mail to 6565 N. McArthur Blvd, Suite 225 Irving, TX 75039.

SAC AND FOX GRADUATE

Sac and Fox member Christopher Allen Butler graduated from South Carolina State College December 12, 2009. His parents are Elizabeth and Emmette Folfonque and his grandmother is Sac and Fox member Mary Butler.

THANK YOU!!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ELDERS ADVISORY BOARD, VETERANS AND EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE, THE CASINO AND EMPLOYEES.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU ALL HAVE DONE TO MAKE THE CHRISTMAS DANCE SO SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE. YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.

THANK YOU,

CHEROKEE BROWN AND TAMMY BROWN

CORRECTION:

THE HEAD GOURD DANCER WAS HENRY HUNTER AT THE VETERAN’S ALL-GOURD DANCE ON NOV. 14, 2009.

**SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION
REVENUE**

November 2009

<i>Tobacco Tax.</i>	<i>.....\$36,009.60</i>
<i>Wholesale Tobacco Tax.</i>	<i>.....\$62,820.33</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle.</i>	<i>..... \$2,171.75</i>
<i>Sales Tax.</i>	<i>.....\$10,758.47</i>
<i>Treasury.</i>	<i>..... \$80.00</i>
<i>Oil & Gas.</i>	<i>..... \$884.12</i>
<i>Gaming.</i>	<i>.....\$180,287.34</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>..... \$293,011.61</i>





Happy January Birthday to the following Elders!



Julien George and Emilio Martin Torres

Juliette Blanchard and Chris Torres of Shawnee, Oklahoma would like to announce the birth of their twin boys Julien George and Emilio Martin Torres.

They were born at the OU Medical Center in Okla. City, OK. on November 1, 2009.

Julien weighed 5 lbs. 61/2 ozs. and was 19 inches. long. Emilio weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and he was 19 1/2 inches long.

Julien and Emilio have one sister, Autumn Torres.

Julien and Emilio are the grandsons of Georgia Blanchard of Meeker, OK., Jessica Brown of Muskogee, OK., Martin Torres of Dallas, TX. and the great-grandsons of the late Ruth and George Nullake, Sr.



- Victor James Barnes
- Avis E. Austin
- Glenn K. Morton
- Frank E. Rhodd
- Katherine Franklin
- Keith Franklin, Sr.
- Edward Scott Troy
- Forrest C. Nelson
- Debra Omelas
- Rosa Lee Day
- Gloria Castillo
- Lewis Marez, Jr.
- Sherri A. Vandervort
- Anita Lynn Hooley
- Antowine Warrior
- Charles A. Holland
- Ester Jean Turner
- Roger Keith James
- Dolores Kahrahrh
- James Roubidoux, Sr.
- Donna Gorton
- Cheryl Ann Carter
- Pearl H. Croley
- Webster Bearbow
- Sharon Frnklin
- Elvis Ellis
- Alma Davis
- Joan Murdock-Hughes
- Viola Prewitt
- Louise Mcllvaine
- Johanna Myers
- Thomas Worrior
- Jesse Balkwin
- Cathy Tamminga
- Brenda Sue Floyd
- Landis McClellan
- Samuel Morris, Jr.
- Sandra Ray
- David Tibbitts
- Charlene Beaver
- Amos Black III

- Daniel R. Tyner
- Gregory Walker
- Alphues C. Wilson, Sr.
- Jean Marie Dowlearn
- Sandra Bruehl
- Mark Magehee
- Truman Carter
- Thelma Rogers
- George L. Thurman
- Margaret Wood
- Bobby Longshore
- Carla James
- Jacqueline Helfer
- Emil V. Nelson
- John Bill Croley
- Martha J. Arian
- Dora Steel Young
- Rosa Hawzipta
- Richard E. Walker
- George Nullake, Jr.
- Donald Lee Fixico
- Valerine Lasley
- Mary F. McCormick
- Tommy Dale Smith
- Taylor Neal Finley
- John L. Cummins
- Frank Gokey
- Harry Benson Walker, Jr.
- Glenn Mitchell Logan
- Christina Roan
- James R. Pawpa, Sr.
- Shirley Blenden
- Edward Littlehead, Jr.
- Marilyn Spoon
- Walkter A. Nullake
- Sarah Rhodes
- Sandra Kay Patton
- Mary Christine Harjoe

We apologize if we left anyone off the list. Please let us know so we can add you to the next issue. Please call the Sac and Fox News. Thank You!



RHIANNON TAFOYA IS FROM SANTA CLARA, NM. SHE IS SIXTEEN AND A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN THE ROTC. RHIANNON IS THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF SAC AND FOX TRIBAL MEMBER NANCIE POODRY.



Charlie Ballard

Sends open letter to Sac& Fox Nation

Boo-Zhoo! Awnee Anishna! Hello, how are you!

My name is Charlie Ballard and I'm an enrolled member of the Sac/Fox Nation of Oklahoma. My maternal Grandmother was Hazel Pontiac John of the Otter Clan - Anishnabe and my paternal Grandmother was Cora Bass *Fish Clan* of the Sac/Fox Nation. I am the son of Beulah John and Charles "Smokey Jr." Ballard. I have one older brother Joe Ballard and a half sister named Candace Dan who lives somewhere in Oklahoma.

First, I would like to say a big hello all to my relations through out Sac/Fox country. I hope the all of you are spending the holidays well with your family and friends. I'd also like to thank the Sac/Fox Tribal leadership past & present, for there strong committment to our community. We appreacate all the programs and services made available to us.

A little bit about myself. I was born and raised in the Bay Area.. My parents met during the last of the Urban Indian Relocation period of the 1970's. Since then my family decided to stay out West to raise me and my brother. In 1992, I graduated from Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California., and also in 2003 I received my B.A. in American Indian Studies from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas.

Since graduating from college I've decided to pursue a career in entertainment as a stand up comedian. I've been doing comedy for 6 years and have managed to make it onto Comedy Central and LOGO. My online video went viral through out Indian country and everywhere else inbetween. The Indian Country Newspaper recently did an article on me which all of you can read under the press link on my website: www.charlieballard.com

Check me out sometime!



CHRISTMAS POW-WOW

2009 PICTURES



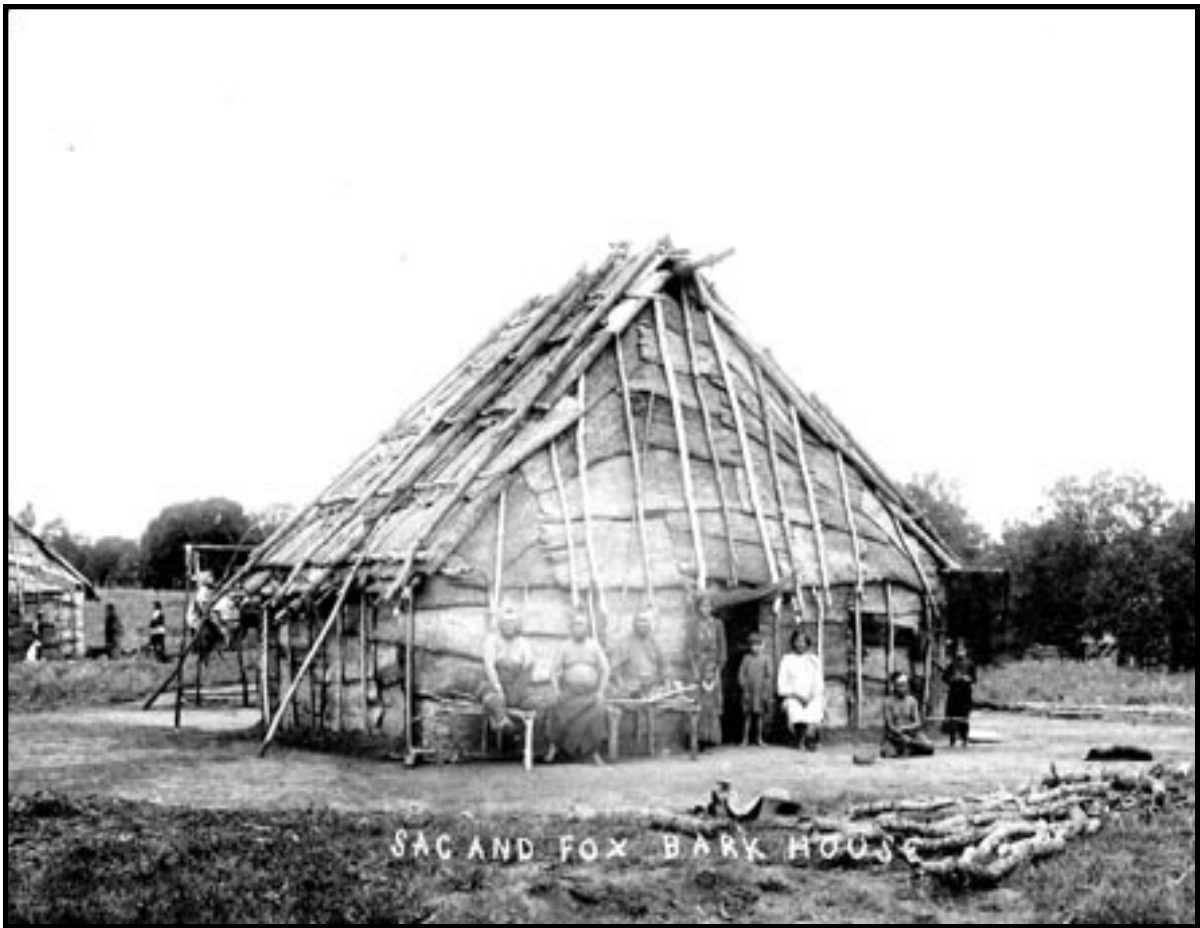
2009 Pictures



Resistance

This series is the second one of four articles about the Sac and Fox in Indian Territory. November 2009 was the 140th Anniversary since the tribe arrived in Oklahoma. This article outlines the events of Black Hawks resistance.

Sandra Massey is the Sac and Fox Historic Preservation Officer.



Resistance. Saukenuk was established as a summer home in approximately 1730 on the north side of the Rock River in what is now Illinois. The valley provided the Sauk and Fox with many means of sustenance: land for crops, animals for food and fur, fish, lead for bullets and ornamentation (with the surplus used for trade or to sell).

Thousands of Sauk lived there for nearly a century in one of the largest villages in the country and also buried their dead there. Black Hawk was born there in 1767 and described in his *Autobiography* how the Sauk visited the graves and kept them in order, stating, “There is no place like that where the bones of our forefathers lie to go to when in grief.”

Great changes for the Sauk did not come immediately after the Treaty of 1804. According to ARTICLE VII of the Treaty, “As long as the lands which are now ceded to the United States remain their property, the Indians belonging to the said tribes, shall enjoy the privilege of living and hunting upon them.”

However, the Treaty of 1804 ceded all lands east of the Mississippi to the American government and settlers began to move in. Many of the Sauk and the Fox disputed the validity of a treaty signed by persons without authority (and who did not include a Fox representative). The Sauk band later split, with one continuing to live beside the Mississippi River with the Fox and the other moving to the Missouri River and the protection of the American government.

In 1831 the Sauk reluctantly agreed to resettle in what is now Iowa with an agreement that the American government would provide food since the tribe had not been able to plant their fields that year.

However, the American government did not provide as promised, and the Sauk starved. Black Hawk, supported by women, who owned the fields, children, and elderly people, decided to return to Saukenuk and take up residence there again in 1832.

In his *Autobiography*, Black Hawk said, “I had one consolation, for all the women were on my side, on account of their corn-fields.”

The presence of the women, children, and older people is evidence that there was never a Black Hawk War, since the intent of the return of the Sauk to the Rock River was simply to go back home. Black Hawk and his warriors had to utilize military tactics as diversions to protect the movement of the people when the Illinois militia, including Captain Abraham Lincoln (who received a land grant in Iowa near what is now the Meskwaki settlement), came after them.

Black Hawk sent a delegation of three under a flag of truce to speak with the militia and report that he was not at war. One was shot and the other two imprisoned. He also sent five witnesses, who were also fired upon with two killed. Black Hawk had to prepare for battle.

Skirmish sites included the Stillman Valley, Kellogg’s Grove, Yellow Creek, and Apple River Fort in Illinois and Sauk City, Wisconsin Heights, and the Bad Axe River in Wisconsin.

All ended at Bad Axe in August with the massacre of Black Hawk’s followers. The battleship the *Warrior* fired cannon on the men, women, and children who attempted to swim or canoe across the flooded Mississippi. Of the estimated 300 who reached the opposite bank, approximately half were

killed by the Sioux.

Black Hawk surrendered to the Indian agent, a representative of the federal government, in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. He and other supporters, including his son, were initially held in St. Louis, Missouri in the Jefferson Barracks for eight months; afterwards, they went to Washington D.C. to meet with President Andrew Jackson and to tour the eastern United States where large crowds turned out to meet them.

In 1833 he dictated his *Autobiography* to Antoine LeClair and forever placed firsthand native perspective into the formal record.

Black Hawk returned to the Sauk and died on October 3, 1838. He was buried on the property of his friend James Jordan but his remains were stolen in 1839 by a local doctor who intended to put them on exhibition. Governor Robert Lucas of the Iowa Territory managed to obtain Black Hawk’s remains and turned over their care to a museum in Burlington, Iowa with the permission of two of Black Hawk’s sons. The building burned down in the 1850s and Black Hawk’s remains were finally no more.

The Black Hawk conflict has been described as the last Indian war east of the Mississippi and the resulted in **Removal** of the Sac and Fox from their home of over a century.

You can contact Sandra Massey at the Historic Perservation Office (918) 968-3526 Ext 1048



(L-R) Host Lyn Livingston and Meg Alexander welcome tribal member Sylvia Exendine to the “Trash or Treasure?” program.
Courtesy Photo provided by Sandra Massey



Appraiser Lyn Livingston examines the Thorpe bowl.
Courtesy Photo provided by Sandra Massey.

Sylvia Exendine finds Grace Thorpe Treasure

On Wednesday, January 6, 2010 tribal member Sylvia Exendine presented a pottery bowl made by the late Grace Thorpe on the KFOR (Channel 4) weekly segment “Trash or Treasure?” hosted by appraiser Lyn Livingston and Channel 4 anchor Meg Alexander (substituting for regular host Linda Cavanagh).

“Trash or Treasure?” features items brought in by viewers to be appraised by Livingston, who is a Certified Appraiser of Personal Property (CAPP) with the firm Livingston’s Auction & Estate Services, Inc. The International Society of Appraisers’ (ISA) highest professional designation is the CAPP.

“[Doing the show] is like having Christmas every day,” Livingston said. “I never know what I’m going to unwrap or what treasure I’ll find!”

Exendine was the first of three presenters on the January 6th show. She found the bowl at a yard sale and discovered tribal member Grace Thorpe’s name carved on the bottom. She pointed out the name to the couple hosting the yard sale and told them Thorpe was one of the daughters of athletic legend Jim Thorpe.

“I was determined to have that bowl,” Exendine commented. “I was willing to give every penny I had in my pocket for it.”

The couple found the piece at an arts and crafts show and let her have it free of charge.

Exendine’s next step was a visit to the Sac and Fox Nation Historic Preservation Office to ascertain if Grace Thorpe had been known to make pottery and learned that she was an accomplished artist in several mediums.

“Trash or Treasure?” airs every Wednesday afternoon at the end of the 4:30

p.m. News hour and provides a telephone number for persons interested in appearing on the show. Exendine called the number and spoke with Livingston, who scheduled an appointment.

Persons bringing items to be appraised do not know beforehand if they will appear on that day’s program. Thorpe’s bowl opened the segment and was estimated to be worth \$400 to \$500.

Grace Thorpe was known as an activist for many causes, including veterans’ issues, women’s rights, and environmental protection. Her efforts led the Sac and Fox Nation to designate its land as a nuclear free zone. She donated books to the Sac and Fox National Public Library and clothes to the elders. She stood watch over the memory of her father and strove to keep the printed material about him correct.

She died on April 1, 2008.

Her role as an artist is not new but is not widely known. She attended and set up booths at arts and crafts fairs, so Exendine and Livingston are hopeful that the segment might bring forth more of Thorpe’s artwork.

The bowl is currently on loan at the Sac and Fox National Public Library. “I would be honored for people to go look at it,” Exendine said.

Anyone interested in being a “Trash or Treasure?” guest can call (405) 478-6322 and leave a message. They will then be contacted to set up a Wednesday afternoon date.

